

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

The following claim set replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. –14. (canceled)
15. (previously presented) An aqueous antifreeze composition comprising 10 to 50% by weight of at least one alkali metal, ammonium or alkaline earth metal salt of a linear saturated aliphatic dicarboxylic acid having 4 to 12 carbon atoms, at least one corrosion-inhibiting substance for aqueous coolants, up to 1% by weight of one or more alkali metal silicates, and
 - (a) 0.01 to 5% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of aliphatic monocarboxylic acids having 3 to 16 carbon atoms in the form of their alkali metal, ammonium and substituted ammonium salts.
16. (canceled)
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18. (previously presented) An antifreeze composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the salt is a sodium or potassium salt, an ammonium, trialkylamine or trialkanolamine salt.
19. (currently amended) An antifreeze composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the composition further comprises one or more compounds from the groups listed b) through h) below:
 - b) 0.01 to 5% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of aliphatic and aromatic di- and tricarboxylic acids each having 3 to 21 carbon atoms in the form of their alkali metal, ammonium and substituted

ammonium salts, where, in cases where a dicarboxylic acid is used, this is different from the dicarboxylic acid used as antifreeze composition.

- c) 0 to 1% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of alkali metal borates, alkali metal phosphates, ~~alkali metal silicates~~, alkali metal nitrites, alkali metal and alkaline earth metal nitrates, molybdates and alkali metal and alkaline earth metal fluorides;
- d) 0 to 1% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of hard-water stabilizers based on polyacrylic acid, polymaleic acid, acrylic acid-maleic acid copolymers, polyvinylpyrrolidone, polyvinylimidazole, vinylpyrrolidone-vinylimidazole copolymers and copolymers of unsaturated carboxylic acids and olefins;
- e) 0.01 to 5% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of carboxamides and sulfonamides;
- f) 0.01 to 5% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of mono- and binuclear unsaturated and partially unsaturated heterocycles having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, which may be benzo-fused or carry additional functional groups;
- g) 0.01 to 5% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of tetra(C₁-C₈-alkoxy)silanes (orthosilicic acid tetra-C₁-C₈-alkyl esters);
- h) 0.01 to 5% by weight of one or more compounds from the group of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic and aromatic amines having 2 to 15 carbon atoms which may additionally contain ether oxygen atoms or hydroxyl groups.

20. (previously presented) An antifreeze composition as claimed in claim 19, wherein the composition comprises a combination of one or more substances from the groups a), b), c), d) and/or f).

21. (currently amended) An antifreeze composition as claimed in claim 20, wherein the composition comprises a combination of one or more substances from groups a), b), c) and f), wherein
 - a) is 2-ethylhexanoic acid, p-hydroxybenzoic acid, benzoic acid, or isononanoic acid,
 - b) is sebacic acid or dodecanedicarboxylic acid,
 - c) is sodium molybdate ~~or sodium metasilicate~~, and
 - f) is tolutriazole, benzotriazole or 1H-1,2,4-triazole.
22. (previously presented) An antifreeze composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the composition pH is in the range from 6 to 11.
23. (previously presented) An antifreeze composition as claimed in claim 15, which comprises less than 10% by weight of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, polyethylene glycols and/or polypropylene glycols having 2 to 15 glycol ether units.

24 - 28. (Canceled).

29. (new) An antifreeze composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the alkali metal silicate is sodium metasilicate.